

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-19 were rejected, and claims 21 and 21 were objected to. Claim 6 has been amended. Upon entrance of this Response, claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-21 will be pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 6 to correct a minor typographical error.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-10, 14, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,887,164 to Dewanjee et al. The Examiner also rejected claims 1-3, 5-11, 14, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,857,973 to Wieland et al.

Applicants respectfully request that both the Dewanjee et al. patent and the Wieland et al. patent be disqualified as prior art under § 103(a). At the time of the invention of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/710,717, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/710,717, U.S. Patent No. 6,887,164 and U.S. Patent No. 6,857,973 were owned by Callaway Golf Company. The assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,887,164 was recorded on February 27, 2004 and may be found at Reel 014374, Frame 0828. The assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,857,973 was recorded on October 6, 2003 and may be found at Reel 014031, Frame 0139. Terminal Disclaimers with respect to the U.S. Patent Nos. 6,887,164 and 6,857,973 accompany this Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the outstanding rejections has been overcome and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' Attorney, if such would advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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